

History of Baseball Patches Since 1976

For the last 25-plus baseball seasons, a number of baseball teams have worn commemorative patches that are not listed in the section, "Dressed to the Nines—A History of the Baseball Uniform."

This is the most accurate list of patches worn by selected baseball teams (by estimation) since the beginning of the 1976 season:

<u>Year/Team</u>	<u>Patch Commemoration</u>
1976 (N. L.—All teams except Montreal)	National League Centennial (1876-1976); drawing of head with 19th-century style cap; 12 stars indicate number of teams in N. L. in 1976
1976 (Chicago Cubs NL)	100th anniversary of Chicago Cubs (since 1876)
1976 (Montreal NL)	Olympic Rings Logo—commemorating 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal, Canada
1976 (Philadelphia NL, "Phila—" Oakland AL) Phila-	Red-turning-blue Liberty Bell with description "Phila delphia 76"; Oakland Athletics once played in Phila delphia from 1901 to 1954
1976 (Boston AL)	Massachusetts Bicentennial (also worn in 1975, but only on Boston Red Sox home uniforms both seasons; they were not worn in 1975 playoffs or World Series)
1976 (Cleveland AL)	Unknown
1976 (Detroit AL)	Bicentennial of City of Detroit?
1976 (Texas AL)	Patch commemorating American Bicentennial, which reads "Rangers 1776-1976"; worn until end of 1980 season, but without "1776-1976" identity starting in 1977]
1977 (No new special commemorative patches were issued this year.)	
1978 (San Diego NL)	1978 All-Star Game @ San Diego
1979 (Seattle AL)	1979 All-Star Game @ Seattle (also worn in 1980)
1980 (Los Angeles NL)	1980 All-Star Game @ Los Angeles
1981 (Los Angeles NL)	200th Anniversary of founding of Los Angeles (since 1781)

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1982 (Los Angeles NL)	20th Anniversary of Dodger Stadium (since 1962)
1982 (Montreal NL)	1982 All-Star Game @ Montreal (Also described in French as "Parties D'Etoile")
1982 (San Francisco NL)	25th Anniversary of San Francisco Giants (since 1958)
1983 (Atlanta NL)	250th Anniversary of Georgia Settlement (since 1733)
1983 (Chicago White Sox AL)	50th Anniversary of All-Star Game (1983 All-Star Game @ Chicago White Sox)
1983 (Los Angeles NL)	25th Anniversary of Los Angeles Dodgers (since 1958)
1983 (Philadelphia NL)	100th Anniversary of Philadelphia Phillies (since 1883)
1984 (Baltimore AL)	30th Anniversary of Baltimore Orioles (since 1984; also identifies 1983 World Championship)
1984 (Chicago Cubs NL)	1984 National League East Champions (worn in post-season only)
1984 (San Francisco NL)	1984 All-Star Game @ San Francisco
1985 (Atlanta NL)	20th Anniversary of Atlanta Braves (since 1966)
1985 (California AL)	25th Anniversary of California Angels (since 1961; originally Los Angeles Angels)
1985 (Chicago White Sox AL)	75th Anniversary of Comiskey Park (since 1910)
1985 (Minnesota AL)	1985 All-Star Game @ Minnesota
1986 (Houston NL)	1986 All-Star Game @ Houston
1986 (Minnesota AL)	25th Anniversary of Minnesota Twins (since 1961)
1986 (New York Mets NL)	25th Anniversary of New York Mets (since 1962)
1986 (Toronto AL)	10th Anniversary of Toronto Blue Jays (since 1977)

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1987 (Boston AL)	75th Anniversary of Fenway Park (since 1912)
1987 (Los Angeles NL)	25th Anniversary of Dodger Stadium (since 1962)
1987 (Oakland AL)	1987 All-Star Game @ Oakland
1987 (Pittsburgh NL)	100th Anniversary of Pittsburgh Pirates (since 1887)
1987 (World Series)	AL and NL World Series participants (worn by league champions from 1987 to 1993, and from 1995 to date)
1988 (Cincinnati NL)	1988 All-Star Game @ Cincinnati
1988 (San Diego NL)	20th Anniversary of San Diego Padres (since 1969)
1989 (California AL)	1989 All-Star Game @ California (now Anaheim)
1989 (Milwaukee AL)	20th Anniversary of Milwaukee Brewers (since 1970)
1990 (Atlanta NL)	25th Anniversary of Atlanta Braves (since 1966)
1990 (Chicago Cubs NL)	1990 All-Star Game @ Chicago Cubs
1990 (World Series)	United States Flag (worn by both teams to commemorate Persian Gulf War in Iraq)
1991 (Chicago White Sox AL)	Inauguration of "new" Comiskey Park (original Comiskey Park lasted from 1910 to 1990)
1991 (Toronto AL)	1991 All-Star Game @ Toronto
1992 (Los Angeles NL)	30th Anniversary of Dodger Stadium (since 1962)
1992 (Oakland AL)	25th Anniversary of Oakland Athletics (since 1968)
1992 (St. Louis NL)	100th Anniversary of St. Louis Cardinals (since 1892)
1992 (San Diego NL)	1992 All-Star Game @ San Diego
1993 (Baltimore AL)	1993 All-Star Game @ Baltimore
1993 (Cleveland AL)	Final season @ Cleveland Municipal Stadium (1932-1993)

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1993 (Colorado NL)	Inauguration of Colorado Rockies' 1st season
1993 (Florida NL)	Inauguration of Florida Marlins' 1st season
1993 (Kansas City AL)	25th Anniversary of Kansas City Royals (since 1969)
1993 (Montreal NL)	25th Anniversary of Montreal Expos (since 1969)
1993 (San Diego NL)	25th Anniversary of San Diego Padres (since 1969)
1994 (Major League Baseball)	125th Anniversary of Organized Baseball (worn by all MLB teams except Cincinnati)
1994 (Cincinnati NL)	125th Anniversary of Original Cincinnati franchise (1869 Cincinnati Red Stockings)
1994 (Cleveland NL)	Inauguration of Jacobs Field
1994 (Pittsburgh NL)	1994 All-Star Game @ Pittsburgh
1995 (Atlanta NL)	30th Anniversary of Atlanta Braves (since 1966)
1995 (California AL)	35th Anniversary of California Angels (since 1961; originally Los Angeles Angels)
1995 (Houston NL)	30th Anniversary of Astrodome (since 1965)
1995 (Texas AL)	1995 All-Star Game @ Texas
1996 (Philadelphia NL)	1996 All-Star Game @ Philadelphia
1996 (Toronto AL)	20th Anniversary of Toronto Blue Jays (since 1977)
1997 (Major League Baseball)	50th Anniversary of Jackie Robinson's 1st Season in MLB (1947 to 1956-all 28 teams)
1997 (Cleveland AL)	1997 All-Star Game @ Cleveland
1997 (Oakland AL)	30th Anniversary of Oakland Athletics (since 1968)
1997 (San Francisco NL)	40th Anniversary of San Francisco Giants (since 1958; worn on road uniforms only)
1997 (Seattle AL)	20th Anniversary of Seattle Mariners (since 1977)